

BOODLE HURTS BUSINESS.

A Big Scandal is Shown Up in the Manner in Which Business is Carried On

IN THE TRADE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Commercial World in England is Said to Be Honey-Combed With Bribery.

London, March 10.—A great sensation has been produced in commercial and business circles here by the report of the London Chamber of Commerce on the extent to which illicit commissions prevail in British trade generally. The report speaks of the "mass of corruption" existing and publishes evidence proving that the entire business world of England and to a large extent the professional world also is honey-combed with bribery and blackmail. The doctors receive commissions from the chemist and undertaker. The eminent man of science, too, it is alleged, receives a large commission for recommending a particular microscope. A Sheffield manufacturer complains that his travel has to be paid for by the office boys for taking his card in to the buyers for London houses. An electroplate manufacturer declares that unless this system of bribery is stopped it will become impossible for an honest man to do business. A woolen manufacturer declares that the Germans are the worst bribees.

It is the same in the linen, drapery, calico, jewelry, brewing, nursery, gardening and a dozen other trades. Workhouse and prison contracts are tainted with the worst sort of bribery. Discussion is general as to whether or not the law can put an end to these flagrant abuses. It is generally thought that it will do good simply by tickling the offense as criminal. The public is generally aroused as to whether it is certain that a bill will be introduced at this session dealing with the abuse.

Regular Weekly Sale.

Suckling & Co.'s regular sale to the trade will be held on Wednesday next, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. The stock of Misses M. & E. Cahill, Peterboro, milliners, will be sold in detail. Flowers, feathers, lace, silk blouses, ribbons, hats, etc. A special consignment of hosiery in cashmere, thread, Tartan and stripes, as well as a very fine lot of Swiss embroidery, tweeds, suitings, coatings, worsteds, serge, Halifax tweeds, etc.

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PINGREE-ATKINSON BILL.

Railroads, Express and Telegraph Companies Must Pay Taxes Same as Other People.

Lansing, Mich., March 10.—The Pingree-Atkinson bill, providing for taxation of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone property on a basis similar to that upon which other property is taxed, which passed its final stages in the House yesterday, repeals the former acts under which railroads were taxed in proportion to their gross earnings. It provides for appointment by the Governor, with consent of the Senate, of a board of assessors, the members of which shall have access to all accounts of the companies to whom it applies, and who shall assess these companies' properties at the average rate of State, county and municipal taxes upon all property within the State. Various features of the act will doubtless be tested in the Supreme Court.

GIRL STOLE \$1000 RING.

By One Crime Tried to Hush Up Another in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., March 10.—A young woman whose parents reside in London, Ont., has been arrested here, charged with stealing a \$1000 diamond ring from a boarding house where she was residing. The girl's story is a pitiful one. To the police matron she confessed her secret, and told her that she had taken the ring because she had to pay the doctor who performed an illegitimate operation upon her. Further questioning revealed the fact that the girl had sold this \$1000 ring for \$10. The ring was recovered, but the owner will not prosecute the young lady. The name of the girl has not been divulged. She is 20 years of age, and her sister resides in Detroit.

IS THE MURDERER INSANE?

Doctors Going to Port Arthur to Examine Porter.

Ottawa, March 10.—Dr. Burgess, Montreal, and Dr. Phelan, Kingston, were here today on their way to Port Arthur to examine into the mental condition of Prevost, awaiting execution there for murder. The question of the prisoner's sanity was raised at the trial, and the jury on that information presented concluded that he was sane at the time the murder was committed. It is understood that new evidence bearing upon the question has been discovered. It Prevost is insane it would be contrary to all precedent to send him to the gallows. Much will be depended on the report of the doctors.

Independent Forestry.

Court Prosperity of Toronto will, at the conclusion of the regular routine business on Tuesday evening next, resolve itself into a social gathering. A large number of visiting brethren are expected to be present. The proceedings will be followed by the presence of the hand of the encampment of Royal Foresters in uniform. Court Wellesley held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening with a large turn-out of members. Chief Ranger McIlwain presiding. The February monthly report shows the surplus increased during February by \$31,486, and since beginning of the year by \$70,727.71, and standing at the end of the month at \$3,257,068.71. The total amounts paid during the month for all benefits were \$131,008.25, and since the beginning of the year \$235,171.21, and since organization \$4,543,154.05.

Opera Meeting.

The Hotel and Restaurant Employers' International Alliance and the Bartenders' International League of America, Local No. 108, will hold an open meeting in Richmond Hall to-night at 8 o'clock. The following members of the Trades and Labor Council will address the meeting: Messrs. I. H. Sanderson, George W. Power, D. J. O'Donoghue, J. Huddleston, J. Armstrong, J. Kennedy, D. Casey and others. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

Enormous Clothing Sale.

The greatest sale of clothing and woollens ever made in Canada will take place in Montreal on April 3, Easter Monday, when the whole stock of Doull & Gibson, wholesale manufacturers of clothing, who are retiring from business, will be sold by catalog, by Suckling & Co. of Toronto and Montreal. The stock is entirely new, the bulk of it being made for the present season. Catalogs are now being prepared, and will be ready for mailing about the 20th. The stock will go over \$200,000, and will positively be cleared, the sale continuing day by day until everything is sold, down to the furniture and machinery.

Boot Sale.

At 2 o'clock on Wednesday the boot stock of James Leggett, wholesale jobber in boots, will be sold by catalog by Suckling & Co.'s. 175 cases are now opened up and they comprise solid cases of Canadian staples. Catalogs now ready. At 2 o'clock the general stocks of A. & W. Johnston, Orangeville, \$10,000, and McKenzie, Perth, \$10,000, will be sold as lots.

OWEN SOUND ASSIZES.

Seduction Case Settled Out of Court—Other Actions.

Owen Sound, Ont., March 10.—At the Spring Assizes in progress here, Brown v. Davis, a case of seduction, was settled out of court. The parties are farmers living in Normanby Township. Henderson v. Bourke, damages for malicious prosecution, settled. Wood v. Carey, postponed to next assizes. Johnston v. Brown, an action for damages caused by setting out of fire, dismissed. Queen v. Thomas Webb, theft of a saw and household articles, dismissed. McIntyre v. Township of Arden, action for damages received through alleged defective highway, judgment reserved. A similar case against the Township of Euphrasia is in progress.

DID THE BOY STEAL?

Young Ernest Howes of Princeton in a Bad Predicament.

Princeton, March 10.—Alex. Brown, a farmer of this community, was relieved of twenty-five dollars at Baker's Hotel last night. Brown procured a warrant for the arrest of Ernest Howes, a boy about 13 years of age. Special Constable Thiele of Woodstock executed the warrant early this morning, and Howes was taken to Woodstock jail to await trial. About 10 o'clock this morning Brown's pocketbook containing part of the money was found on the street at the south of the village.

Much Interest in London.

London, March 10.—Between 200 and 300 persons were present at the Hotel Cecil this afternoon at the opening of the fourth international chess chess match between the leading players of the United States and Great Britain. Among those present were Sir George Newman, Cope, Gushinsky and many other prominent players. Cordial messages were received and exchanged between the players and the Brooklyn Chess Club, and a feeling of great satisfaction prevailed.

Gushinsky said: "I think the American team is slightly stronger. I base this on my knowledge of Voigt's strong play, but it is probable that Johnston will succumb to Loeck." Play commenced promptly without any ceremony at 3 o'clock. After the toss for move. The Pillsbury-Blackbourne game was the great centre of interest and was in the grand salon was set apart for those watching it. Blackbourne expressed himself as being in excellent form.

Porter Wants the Venue Changed. Napanee, March 10.—Mr. E. Gus Porter, counsel for Ponton, in the bank robbery case, will ask for a change of venue to Whitby, Kingston or Perth.

MR. ANDREW STEPHENS.

FERGUS, ONT.

Is now enjoying best of health after having suffered some time from nervous prostration and weakness of heart.

Fergus people are pleased to see the well-known boss carpenter, Mr. Andrew Stephens, looking the picture of health again. He had been complaining of his heart for some time, could not sleep well at night, and seemed generally broken up.

A friend met him not long ago and congratulated him on his healthy appearance. "Well, you see," said Mr. Stephens, "it hadn't been for those Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills that I got of Phillips Drug Store, I don't know where I would have been to-day."

"I used to suffer a great deal from palpitation of the heart, shortness of breath, and was unable to get restful sleep."

"You were in a pretty serious condition then," said the friend.

"Indeed I was," replied Mr. Stephens, "but I am thankful to say that my heart never troubles me at all now, I sleep well at night, and never have any sign of nervousness."

"And you owe your restoration to health," said the friend, "to Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills?"

"Yes, Sir, their action on my system was simply marvelous, every dose seemed to do me good. I don't think there is any better remedy made for curing diseases of the heart and nerves, and for toning up the system."

"Are there many people in Fergus that have been cured by these pills?" Asked the friend.

"As far as I have heard, quite a number. I know I have recommended them to several and in every case they have done good."

Then the friend and Mr. Stephens parted, the former to wind his way to Phillips & Son's Drug Store to find out more about Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills—the little life savers.

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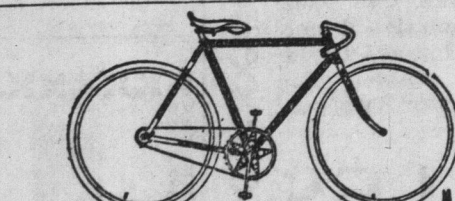
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